

Mayor's Draft Comprehensive Plan Transmitted to Council

On July 14, 2006, the Office of Planning transmitted the revised Draft Comprehensive Plan to the DC Council. The Council will hold public hearings on the Plan this Fall and will consider the Plan for adoption later this year.

The revision has been underway since 2004 and has involved thousands of DC residents and stakeholders. The Plan is based on the overarching goal of "Growing an Inclusive City" and sets forth hundreds of policies and actions on important topics such as land use, transportation, housing, and the environment.

Much of the content of the Plan has been carried forward from the previous Comp Plan, which was prepared in 1984 and amended in 1985, 1989, 1994, and 1998. However, many policies and actions have been added to reflect current data, issues, priorities, and conditions. For example, the new Plan includes chapters (called "Elements") on Parks, Arts and Culture, Infrastructure, and Educational Facilities. The Plan also includes an Implementation Element, which identifies responsible agencies and timelines for each action.

The proposed Comp Plan has a very different look than its predecessor. Maps, charts, sidebars, and photos have been added and the document has been attractively formatted and printed in color. The eight Ward Plans have been replaced by ten Area Elements. The Plan is also accompanied by two oversized maps (a Land Use Map and a Policy Map), which graphically show how its policies will be carried out.

Comments on the Mayor's Draft may be encouraged. The document is still a Draft and is subject to change based on public input and Council discussion. Public comments received by September 6, 2006 will be summarized in an Comp Plan Addendum, and text and map changes reflecting these comments will be provided for the Council's consideration at their hearings.

Copies of the Draft Plan may be viewed on-line (in .pdf format) at www.inclusivecity.org. Paper or CD-ROM copies may be ordered by calling 442-8812 or sending a request to compplan@dc.gov.